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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Application No. 2002/0044473
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,207,896
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,951,785
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,184,457
- (5) JP 9 271179
- (6) JP 11 186572
- (7) Markus Wuest & Peter Toggweiler, "Single Cell Converter System (SCCS)", PMS Energy Ltd., pp 813-815, (1994).

Copies of Documents (5) to (7) are enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 OG 55, copies of the remaining documents are not enclosed.

Document (3) is believed to be an English language counterpart of Document (5), and Document (4) is believed to be an English language counterpart of Document (6). The English language counterparts are believed to provide a concise explanation of relevance for Documents (5) and (6).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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		<b>6,207,896</b>	<b>03/27/2001</b>	<b>Toyomura</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>58</b>	
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		<b>11-186572</b>	<b>07/09/1999</b>	<b>JAPAN</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
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		<b>Markus Wuest &amp; Peter Toggweiler, "Single Cell Converter System (SCCS)", PMS Energy Ltd., pgs. 813-815, (1994).</b>					
		<b>U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: US 2002/0044473 A1, Publication Date: April 18, 2002, Toyomura, et al. - U.S. Class 363; Subclass 142.</b>					
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